BRILLIANTS FROM BROWNING. Measure your mind's height by the shade it

God be thanked, the meanest of his crea-Boasts two soul-sides, one to face the world with,
One to show a woman when he loves her.
—[One Word More.

All great works in this world spring from the ruins Of greater projects; ever, on our earth, Men block out Babels to build Babylons. —[Return of the Druses.

non problem, yours, mine, every one's, Is—not to fancy what were fair in life Provided it could be—but finding first What may be, then find how to make it fair

Up to our means.

—[Bishop Blougram's Apology.

This is the spray the bird clung to,
Making it blossom with pleasure,
Ere the high tree-top she sprang to
Fit for her nest and her treasure.
Oh, what a hope beyond measure
Was the poor spray's, which the flying feet
hung to—
So to be singled out, built in and sung to.
—[Misconceptions.

COL PRED AND THE THIEF.

How Fred Grant Punished the Proloiner of an Old Lady's Pocket-Book.

In an up-town restaurant, a few nights ago, a company of gentlemen sat chatting over their cigars as they listened to the music. Of course the name of Gen. Grant was mentioned, and more than one good story was told to the old commander's credit. One of the party who had been listening without saying much finally broke in: "I don't know much about the general," he said, "but I know that he's got a son who is true blue; I mean Fred Grant. No, I never saw him in my life; but all the same I know what I am talking about when I say that he is just one of the manifest fellows that ever breathed. He was on a Washington express train coming over to New York

that he is just one of the manifost relows that ever breathed. He was on a Washington express train coming over to New York one day a half a dozen years or so ago.

"The cars were crowded and he shared his seat with an old woman who got on the train at Baltimore. At Wilmington he left her to go into the smoker, and the train was drawing into the old West Philadelphia station when he returned to his seat away in the rear of the coach. The old lady whom he had left he discovered in the aisle clutching as best she could at the flying coat-tails of a burly man who, making a bolt for the car door, was dragging her after. Fred Grant was at her side in a trice. He has my money, 'exclaimed the excited woman; 'he has my money; he's a thief.'

"Fred made a grab at the coat tail, but just in advance of his grip the coat tail went flying out of the door, young Grant close after. Into the station want both men. Once Fred Grant's hand was full upon the failow, but the Grant blood was up at the

Once Fred Grant's hand was full upon the fellow, but the Grant blood was up at the hightest pitch and instead of laying hold of the scalawag Fred suddenly planted himself firmly on the old plank walk and then with a dash that was simply chain lightning out went his boot, once, twice, thrice, right under that flying coat tail with thuds that fairly echoed to the roof. It was just as if driver had struck that flying gentle and he spun through the air like a oralized football on the Polo grounds. Yes, he escaped; but, gentlemen, he de-served every cent that he got. A dozen times the sum couldn't have settled for

necessary repairs.

"The old lady—her tears were dried. That young man Grant took care of her right through to New York, and when he put her in a cab to send her to her destination here in a cab to send her to her destination here a roll of bills went into her hands too. And when she begged him to tell her his name so that she could make good his loan, this is what he said: "On one condition—that you will never talk to anybody about what I've had the chance to do for you to-day," And, gentlemen, she never did talk about it, though the card he gave her she kept as one of her choicest treasures. She is dead now, and I guess there is no harm in breaking her pledge. That, woman was my mother. That is how I know and what I know about Fred Grant."

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Filibustering in the Senate. [Edmund Alton in St. Nicholas.]

We had some memorable filibustering in my day. I remember one night when a great contest in the senate over a certain bill culminated in twenty hours of work! The majority had determined that they would "sit the bill" out that night. So they assembled in force, ready to pass it whenever they might see their chance. The minority were also on hand. Both sides were nearly exhausted. As the hands of the clock approached the hour of midnight, there was scarcely a senator in the room. there was scarcely a senator in the room. I remember that Senator Merriman led the rity. Senator Logan "watched" the

minority. Senator Logan "watched" the majority.

Senator Merriman had the floor, with the unlimited privilege of continuous debate permitted by the rules, and he seemed prepared to talk forever. But occasionally he paused to allow another member of the minority to make a motion to adjourn, upon which the "yeas and nays" would be ordered—"And the clerk will call the roll!"

Those words were the signal for action. "Call up the senators!" cried Senator Logan. "Call up the senators!" came from Senator Merriman. "Call up the senators!" echoed Capt. Bassett. This is how we pages called them. Each of us would rush round through the various rooms and give one of these sleeping senators a little tap, shouting. "Yess and nays," and dart away to find another. Sometimes a dozen pages would waken the same senator. In fact, we usually ran in a line—all together.

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Soon the sleepy legislators could be seen cresping into the chamber from all directions, half awake, with disheveled hair and presenting a woe-begone appearance generally. They would mechanically cast their votes, the motion to adjourn would be lost, Senator Merriman would resume his spaech and the other senators, except the "watchers," would again vanish as mysteriously and as noiselessly as the soldiers of Rodertek Dhu. When he had given them time to fall asleep, he would again yield the floor to a motion to adjourn, and the performance would be repeated.

A Doctor's Queer Experience.

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[Harper's Bazza.]

"We have many queer experiences in the practice of my profession" said the doctor, as he deflig do ted the powder on the little papers spread before him. "Only the other day I drove over to Ossian, seven miles away, to visit a patient, an oil gentleman suffering from an incurable disease that I had been treating for some mouths. Tring my horse I walked to the house and entered the sitting-room without knocking. Judge the sitting-room without knocking. Judge of my surprise to see lying on a stretcher the dead to ly of my patient clad for burial, and his coffin upon the bier awaiting its oc-

"I hat just time to note these things when the wife came in, and simply sayin; "Good morning," and ellipped to a cupboard, and taking out an envelope containing money emptied it upon the colla-lid, and counting out my fee handed it to me, replaced the envelope in the cuphoard, and left the room without saying a word. I had often been paid in the pragence of my recoverel pa tients, but never before with the stiff, stark evidence of the ineffectiveness of my favorite ''pathy' staring me in the face. I fied,"

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